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IN RE APPLICATION: David G. WHITTEN et al.

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Sir:

Applicant(s) wish(es) to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- Applicant(s) wish(es) to make of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached, where required. This application relies on the earlier filing date of Application Serial No. 09/850,074, filed May 8, 2001, under 35 USC 120. Because the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were submitted in an earlier application, copies of the documents are not provided now.

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of Applicant's(s') pending applications and issued patents which may be related to the present application. Copies of the documents, where required, are attached along with Form PTO-1449.

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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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